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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

This examiner's amendment is supplemental to the examiner's amendment of 7/12/05.

Applicants' representative, John A. Chionchio, authorized the following amendment by telephone on 8/3/05.

Claim 3, line 3, after "members" insert --- of said first and second elongated tubes ---.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M. Naff whose telephone number is 571-272-0920. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

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